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concerning observations of East German naval [redacted] in the Baltic Sea. A photograph of [redacted] on the occasion of the observation is enclosed

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East Germany

**East German Naval
Vessels in the
Baltic Sea**

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1. [redacted] 2 minesweepers were seen in route 1 south of Gedser. The minesweepers were apparently not moving, and were turning around in the same place. [redacted]

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[redacted] they sailed eastwards in route 1 with 14 knots speed line ahead.

2. The minesweepers carried East German flag and were of the HABICHT class. They had 1 navigation radar on the mast, direction finder on the bridge house, large search light in "nest" on the bridge. The armament consisted of 1 40 mm gun in shield on the forecastle, 2 x 20 mm in "bridge wing" [redacted], 2 x 20 mm on the after side of the bridge, and 2 x 20 mm on the after side of the deck-house. They were both equipped with paravane bar on the stem, just as there was a lot of minesweeping tackle on the deck (thin floaters). Only a few persons were observed on the deck; 5 men were occupied with artillery checking of the aftermost 20 mm gun. There was lively signalling by semaphore.

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3. The enclosed photo [redacted] was taken at the time that the observation was made.

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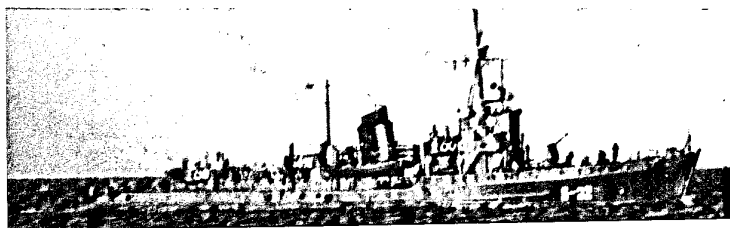
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GERMANY
EAST GERMAN MINESWEEPER , HABICHT CLASS, IN
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